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LETTER DATED 24 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached statement, dated 21 June 1993, issued by my President.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this statement as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement of the Members of the Presidency, of Dr. Tatjana Ljujic-Mijatovic, Dr. Mirko Pejanovic and the Parliamentiary President, Mr. Miro Lazovic, following a joint decision of the Presidency to accept the invitation of Lord Owen to attend a meeting in Geneva:

The Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 21 and 22 June 1993, at a session in Zagreb, decided to accept the invitation given by Lord Owen for a consultative meeting in Geneva.

Our agreement to return to Geneva was under the condition that the Presidency in full confirmed the commitment of the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Vance-Owen plan which, through various political games both outside and inside of Bosnia and Herzegovina, there is an attempt to invalidate. Besides that, we demanded that the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina suggest to the Security Council to accept the Vance-Owen plan as their own document.

In a united decision, the Presidency in full remained united on the position that the Vance-Owen plan still remains an acceptable answer for an end to the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina and an introduction to long-term peace.

The Presidency concluded that that decision be conveyed to Lord Owen and that any decisions on possibilities of new initiatives and proposals not be given before they are brought before legitimate State and political institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Presidency also concluded that only President Izetbegovic, due to commitments, is to return to Sarajevo.

We will not accept the opinions or decisions of alleged impossibility of common life for the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina and we reject every possibility of any division of Bosnia and Herzegovina along ethnic principles.

We remain loyal to our political commitments for a united, sovereign Bosnia and Herzegovina, a State of equal people and all its citizens. Following the meeting in Geneva, we shall return for a scheduled meeting of the Presidency in Sarajevo.

(Signed) Dr. Tarjana Ljujic-Mijatovic
Dr. Mirko Pejanovic
Mr. Miro Lazovic

cc: The Presidency of the
Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina
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